

West Lafayette Go Greener Commission Meeting

Minutes of Regularly Scheduled Commission Meeting

Tuesday, December 11, 2012, 6:00 PM

Council Chambers, West Lafayette City Hall

Attending: Allen Jacobsen; Dave Henderson; Heather Gall; Lindsey Payne; Gene Hanus; Aparna Puri; Thom Davis;

Absentees: Tom Voight; Parr Durr

Others: Rick Parsons; Sara Peel

- I. Allen: Call to order
- II. Approval of November minutes, can't do b/c no quorum
 - a. Rick Parson - Addition of apartment recycling and update on HHW drop-off site, working on getting signage to make drop-off more accessible
- III. Financial Report - Allen
 - a. Tipmont Grant
 - Heather/Lindsey – will look into this after Dec-18
 - Check from Tipmont \$2,500 and in-kind check for \$480 (accounting for 48 in-kind donations) + 10 cash donation, 55 total bins, so 6 unaccounted
 - Will submit final report after Dec-18
 -
 - b. \$600 grant from SIA and Lilly, 2009, spent \$593.57
 - Allen will check with Linda Anderson to see if she knows anything
 - c. \$7135 grant from EnviroWatts, 2009, spent \$5643.69
 - d. 2 Coolers, tent, table, vests, containers, liners (and display board?) – Lindsey will email Diane
 - e. Allen – will try and see if we can get sub-accounts for our account for each grant
- IV. 2013 meeting schedule (attached)
 - a. Second Tuesday of month, 6:00 pm
 - b. Add informational speaker to meetings, perhaps 3-4/year (experts, volunteers groups, etc), will invite the public, send out press release
 - c. Thom - Can we have quarter themes—example: spring quarter = planning, etc.
- V. Commissioner Composition
 - a. Peter - Typically council nominates a candidate, and vets candidate, prefers younger members, women, minorities / Will not have that support from the council, need to continue with current composition 7:5 /
 - b. Gene – spoke to Vicky Birch, District 3 rep, she was supportive
 - c. Allen – we should pursue other avenues, will bring this up in meeting with Mayor
 - d. Allen – potential candidates? Has talked to Marty Senate, but has not received an application, would be good fit / spoke with another person that does consulting work in Africa/S Asia, stay at home dad
- VI. Sustainability Report - Lindsey

- a. Assignments have been taken! Yippee! Email to Lindsey, lbpayne78@gmail.com, by Friday, 12/21/2012, 5:00 pm for target presentation to council March 2013
- VII. Stormwater Ordinance
 - a. Allen – we need to review and offer our support to council
 - b. Gene – lacking credit for stormwater retention; Dave – most communities just establish a fee first, then step to incentives, worried about extra administrative costs right now
 - c. Allen – Indianapolis has this, but have had a few for 15 years
 - d. Gene – if offered to businesses this could make an impact
 - e. Allen – we could recommend consideration of incentive
 - f. Heather – how often would a property get reassessed to be evaluated? No incentive plan right now
 - g. Sara – Lafayette hasn't started incentive plan, still working on rolling this out and getting it moving now and successful
 - h. Dave – homepage until hot topics will list projects (major/minor capital) and presentations
- VIII. Discussion of projects
 - a. Allen - table for next year!
- IX. New Business/Announcements
 - a. Thom – had big housekeeping training—county/city folks, Rick did a great job organizing!
 - b. Rick – at recycling conference in October, professor did first ever study on landfill in Indiana on what is there, willing to come talk, high amounts of plastics and HHW
- X. Next meeting January 8, 2013, 6:00 PM!

Recorded by Lindsey Payne and submitted to Allen Jacobsen on December 11, 2012

Sustainability Tasks

Wildlife / Vegetation

1. # of bird species, bird count (Aparna—Audobon)
2. Toxic Pesticides, chemical use of city departments, acre coverage (Heather—Parks Department)
3. Wet land, prairie restoration (Lindsey--Megan)

Water and River Quality

Water consumption community-wide (Gene—Sara will send 4 new contacts)

Waste

14. Recycling rates- WL residential (Gene—streets / sanitation)
15. Recycling amounts from drop off site – oil, glass, etc (Gene—streets / Sanitation)
16. Yard waste pickup rates (Streets/ Sani)
- 16a. Residential composting (Heather—compost workshop,
17. Short term events held within the city (Thom—e-waste, goodwill, metal pickups)
- 17a. Long-term events, school events (Aparna)

18. Other nonfood diversion (Lindsey—Grant Giese, Builders Association of Greater Lafayette for WL construction waste, asphalt, etc.)

18a. Volumes of Household hazardous waste recycled (Rick Parson)

Transit

19. Ridership #s (Allen--total system ridership # and by route)

20. Miles of trails (Allen--Parks and Rec)

21 Miles of bike lanes (Allen--John Thomas)

22. # of bike racks (Allen—Contact Sara she has that data)

23. Walk score (Allen—get total sidewalk)

23a. Passenger rail (Thom)

23b. Lafayette Limo, Star of America, Greyhound Bus, Express Air Coach (Thom)

Smart Development

25. % of parks (Lindsey)

7.625 sq miles total city, 450 acres of park

City Policies and Planning

32. Purchasing policies (?)

Energy Consumption

35. Biodigestor (Lindsey—contact Dave)